Amendment to Route Disbursal Guidelines

2370. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Bagdogra figures in the list of Category-II routes under the Route Disbursal Guidelines, issued by Directorate General of Civil Aviation;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any proposal to amend this has been submitted to Government by Directorate General of Civil Aviation;

(d) if so, what action has been taken by the Ministry of Civil Aviation on this proposal so far; and

(e) what are the details of the routes being covered by all the scheduled airlines, route-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The term "North-Eastern Region" used in the Route Disbursal Guidelines is construed to cover the entire region of "Air Defence Identification Zone (East)" which also includes Bagdogra.

(c) Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) had submitted a factual note in this regard to the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Routes/Services operated by scheduled airlines depend on customer demand, seasonal changes and other relevant factors and are published from time to time by the concerned airlines.

Direct flight to China

2371. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:
SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no direct air link with China; and